LIVERPOOL'S PURE WATER.

1t Comes from Wales and Is Not Equaled

in the World. The problem of water supply is one of the great Afficulties that all cities have to confront. Some of them have not solved it yet, but it seems that Liverpool has of late made a greater success than any other of the well known and

long established hives of humanity. The valley the River Vyrnwy, in north Wales,

was found to possess special advantages as the source of the supply of the precious fluid, although its distance from Liverpool, forty-five miles in a direct line, necessitating the construction of an aqueduct sixty-eight miles in length, presented engineering problems

of the most diffi-THE STRAINING TOWER. cult nature. The plan of the engineer in charge was to construct an embankment across the mouth of the valley to intercept the water of the Vyrnwy and store it. The result has been to create a lake 44 miles in length and from a quarter to threeeighths of a mile in width. The embankment or dam is 1,172 feet in length.

The water is led from the lake through a large straining tower built on a projecting piece of ground. No water can reach this point until it has been in the lake a considerable time. This building is fitted with straining appliances of the most ingenious design, and the water is allowed to pass into the aqueduct only after having first gone through copper wire gauze having 14,400 meshes to the square inch, and with an aggregate area of 2,034 square feet.

The aqueduct consists chiefly of tunnels, through which the ultimate supply of 40,000,000 gallons a day may be passed without filling them, and three lines of pipes varying in diameter from thirtynine to forty-nine inches. Throughout the greater part of their length the pipes are buried beneath the ground, and where this is not the case they are carried on archways or led through subways. On the line are four balancing reservoirs and filtering beds.

In the construction of the viaduct many obstacles were encountered-railways, canals and rivers. The crossing of the River Weaver was a formidable task, three pipes being laid at once without obstructing the traffic.

The crowning feat of the engineer, however, was the construction of the tunnel under the Mersey at Liverpool, through which pipes conveying the water

The cost of the enterprise when all the details are completed will be \$10,000,000. "ZONA TORRIDA."

How the Mexicans Have Located the Tropic of Cancer.

The Kansas City Times says that a Brooklyn doctor who recently visited Mexico took a snap shot on his way south at the Tropic of Cancer. This imaginary line is marked where the railroad crosses it by a pyramid that was built in 1891. The idea was suggested by Governor Guiterrez, of the state of San Luis Potosi, and under his energetic initiative the pyramid was soon built. It is about fifteen feet in height, and the longitudinal center of its base is sup-



PLACED ON THE LINE. posed to coincide with the Tropic of Cancer. On one side of the pyramid are the words "Tropico de Cancer; Zona Tor-rida." On the other side is an inscription to the effect that the pyramid was erected in 1891 under the direction of Don Tomas Milan, the superintendent of the Mexican National railroad. In South America there is near the coast a series of stone pillars extending for some distance, showing the position of the equa-

All passenger trains on the Mexican Central pause a minute at this pyramid to enable passengers to look at the spot where they leave one geographical zone valued rand pass into another. As a matter of Herald. fact, however, the country where the Tropic of Cancer crosses the railroad is far more temperate in climate than it is northern Mexico and southern Texas. The railroad has been carried up grade until it has reached the elevated plateau of central Mexico, where wheat and other products peculiar to cool, temperate climates are grown, as well as many subtropical products. All who see the Tropic of Cancer pyramid, therefore, may does not depend entirely upon distance ricious Actes. from the equator, but is largely influenced by elevation above the sea. And the great Mexican plateau, on account soil, a mixture of chalk, silica, light of its lofty altitude, is a more temperate clay and oxide of iron, and to the great it, just as the great plateau of southern facture.

Africa, extending far north, carries a comparatively temperate climate far toward the equator.

The First Pilgrim a Woman. Elizabeth Cady Stanton says that the first pilgrim to set foot on Plymouth Rock was a woman. It was true that she was carried ashore seated on the joined hands of men who waded through the water from the boat, but she was the first one who landed on the rock. The first person to land at the present site of been a bad boy he is taken to church in-Newark was also a woman. She, too, stead of being allowed to spend the Sunwas carried ashore.

The Illustrated Tourists' Guide That popular work, "THE TOURISTS GUIDE THROUGH THE HAWAHAN ISL-ANDS," is meeting with a steady sale both at home and abroad. Tourists and others visiting these islands should be fect mine of information relating to the scenes and attractions to be met with here. Copies in wrappers can be had at the publication. the publication office, 46 Merchant street, and at the News Dealers. Price

JIM DIDN'T WORRY.

Nobody never quite made out Jim. Teared like they allers jest thought him And kinder cranky and laughed at him,

When Jim would tell 'em he didn't keer. "Don't make no dif'er'nce," I've heard him An most folks called him a jolly brick-"It's a tough of world, an 'll have its way: "Tain't worryin me-I've got no kick."

But I knowed better. He's come to me Many's the time heartsick an sore-"I'm tired of the whole outfit," sez he, "They ain't no use ever tryin no more." An then in a crowd he'd peark up smart, An sorter sneer at the deals he'd git-"That? That's nothin! W'y bless your heart,

I ain't a worryin a little bit." Jim was onlucky, no use to talk; Folks wendered sometimes at the way be

But I know w'y he used to balk An give up suthin he'd just begun. His back had been broke by circumstance. An, allers onlucky, he'd los' his grit; But still he'd laugh-"I ain't had no chance. But I ain't a worryin a little bit."

So Jim went a laughin right down to death, And he let go o' life not keerin a darn; "Pardner," sez he, kinder catchin his breath, As I sot watchin, with the night on the

"I hain't had much of a deal down here, And I ain't askin now for a softer sit; I'm jest a letting go, bend lower, d'ye hear? I ain't-worryin now-not-a-little-bit."
-Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The God of the Gypsies. The gypsies know nothing whatever of heaven or a future state of rest for the righteous dead, their vocabulary having no word that conforms with our words "paradise," "heaven," "beautiful city," etc. They know of a god which they call "devel" and of a devil called "beng. "Beng" has a home, or an abiding place, called "bengipe," but their "devel," or god, "hath not where to lay his head," and is only recognized as a wandering spirit floating about in the upper regions of the air. They have a mortal terror of both "beng" and "devel," but this does not prevent them from cursing both god and devil whenever anything goes

They believe "beng" to be much superior to the "devel," not only in point of physical proportions, but in his powers over the world and the human race, as well as in his greater intellectuality. "Devel" can be exorcised with pure cold water, but "beng" will take nothing short of brandy or wine. Edgar Wakeman and other experts in gypsy lore believe that they were the original fire worshipers, and cite many facts to prove the correctness of their conclusions .- St. Louis Republic.

A Miser's Last Wish. A Greek died in the small town of Caracal, having always lived on the alms of his compatriots. Before dying he made his wife swear that she would he made his wife swear that she would bury him in the dirty old overcoat which he wore every day. The poor woman had to ask the Greeks of Caracal to help her to provide the costs of the funeral.

A good hearted Greek went to see her in her affliction, and pointing to the body said he would give her a better coat to bury the man in. Then she told him of the dead man's last wish. The Greek, whose suspicions were awakened, told her that she should certainly not part with the body before she had well examined the coat, for there must be some particular reason for the request. The widow unpicked the lining of the overcoat and found \$5,000 francs in bank notes which the might shed to take into the grave with him.-Vienna Cor. London News.

The Danger of Officeholding. Many a poor young man seeks a government clerkship in order that he may earn his support while he is studying his profession. He is playing with fire. He is taking up as a staff that which is likely to become necessary to him as a crutch. He is in danger of discovering, when his profession is learned, that he has not the moral courage to drop his government stipend. It would have been infinitely better—it might have been his making—if he had toiled for scantier dollars in a manlier way.—Harper's Weekly.

The Shape of Sea Fowls' Eggs. Sea fowls' eggs have one remarkable peculiarity. They are nearly conical in form, broad at the base and sharp at the point, so that they will only roll in a circle. They are laid on the bare ledges of high rocks, from which they would almost surely roll off save for this happy provision of nature.—Boston Transcript.

A Sharp Bargain. A valuable diamond, which Hul Carpenter, of Columbia county, N. Y., wears in his shirt bosom, was purchased by him years ago in the Orinoco river region in South America for two boot legs of plug tobacco, which the natives valued more highly than gems.—Chicago

The Prickly Pear. The prickly pear of Africa is so tenacious of life that a leaf, or even a small

portion of a leaf, if thrown on the ground, strikes out roots almost immediately and becomes the parent of a fast growing plant. The search for the golden fleece had

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